

REMARKS

Applicants note that this amendment supercedes the Amendment After Allowance filed on April 2, 2007. A Notice of Allowability was issued for this application on January 8, 2007. Claims 1-22, 24-58 and 68 are allowed. In the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner indicated that the restriction requirement as set forth in the Office Action mailed on April 22, 2005 had been reconsidered in view of the allowability of claims to the elected invention pursuant to MPEP § 821.04(a). The restriction requirement was withdrawn as to any claim that requires all the limitations of an allowable claim. Therefore, claims 7-13, 39, 47, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56 and 58 are no longer withdrawn from consideration because the claims require all of the limitations of an allowable claim. However, according to the Notice, claims 59-67 and 69 are withdrawn from consideration because the claims do not require all of the limitations of an allowable claim.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the courtesy of telephonic interviews between Examiner Berman and Applicants' representative, Lizette Fernandez, on March 30, 2007 and April 5, 2007. During these interviews, the rejoinder of claims 59-67 and 69 was discussed. In particular, Ms. Fernandez noted that claims 59-67 and 69 are all directed to copolymers which are a type of polymer, and should be allowable if amended to include all of the limitations of allowable claim 1. To this end, claims 59 and 69 are amended herein to include all of the limitations of claim 1. Additional support for the amendments to claims 59 and 69 can be found in the specification at least on page 27, lines 3-5. At the suggestion of the Examiner, claim 63 is amended herein for clarity and to more particularly define the invention. Support for this amendment can be found in claim 63 as originally filed and throughout the specification. No new matter is believed to be added by these amendments. Therefore, pursuant to MPEP § 821.04(a), Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of claims 59-67 and 69 and allowance of these claims to issue.

No fees are believed to be due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

Respectfully submitted,

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